

SUBJECT No. 63.

A railway line between Bangalore and Hosur.

Messrs. B. Srinivasaiengar and R. Subba Rao, Anekal Taluk; Gubiah, Anekal Municipality, and Raja Narasiah Setty, Tyamagondlu Municipality.

Mr. B. Srinivasaiengar.—If the Government were to take up the question of constructing a railway line between Bangalore and Hosur, I am sure the scheme would be profitable to them owing to increased traffic. I therefore request that the Government would take up this work at an early date.

First Member of Council.—The authorities of the South Indian Railway Company are being addressed in the matter. But more urgent and pressing demands will have to be given preference over this, and further, I am afraid the scheme would not be very remunerative.

SUBJECT No. 64.

Train service between Kolar and Bangalore via Chintamani.

Mr. Kanchi Seethappa Setty, Chintamani Municipality.

Mr. Kanchi Seethappa Setty.—Under the existing arrangement only one Up and one Down train are running from Bangalore to Kolar. This may be raised to at least two Up and two Down.

First Member of Council.—Owing to want of engine power it is not possible at present to improve the train service. Three additional locomotives are due to arrive within the next two months and on their receipt arrangements will be made to improve matters.

SUBJECT No. 65.

Stoppage of Mail Trains at Nidavanda.

Messrs. Suryanarayana Rao and H. Ramanna, Tumkur Taluk.

Mr. Suryanarayana Rao.—It would be a great convenience to the passengers who alight at Nidavanda Station if the Up and Down Mail train stops at that station. I therefore request that the Government may kindly arrange with the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company to have this done.

First Member of Council.—As a rule, mail trains do not stop at minor stations as they are chiefly intended for long distance traffic and it is essential in the interest of the great majority of the public that they should be delayed as little as possible on the journey. The request will, however, be brought to the notice of the Agent, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company, and if in his judgment, the amount of traffic offering at the station is sufficient to justify the delay he will doubtless arrange to stop the Mails at the station.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

(Nos. 66 to 71.)

SUBJECT No. 66

A Commission to reorganise Local Boards and Village Panchayets.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya, Mysore District Board; K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality, E. Krishnappa and Bandaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—The working of the Local Boards and Panchayets is not satisfactory. In some places members of the Local Boards and Panchayets do not seem to be responsible for the affairs and consequently the receipts are wasted on unnecessary things. If there is an income of about Rs. 200 in a certain village a panchayet is formed, and if any receipts accrue it will be utilised for paying the scavenger.

Second Member of Council.—It is meant for this purpose. You must make use of it for better purposes chiefly for improvements.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—As Vice-President I have urged this with a purpose. My idea is that instead of such panchayets let there be panchayets only in big places.

Second Member of Council.—Taluk Boards must do this.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—I want an officer to go and do this—an officer of the rank of an Assistant Commissioner. In the alternative let a Commission be appointed to go into the question and send a report.